

CLAIMS

1. A driving method of a display apparatus,
comprising:

5 a first drawing step of displaying an image
by controlling a display medium on the basis of a
signal from first image creation means, and

a second drawing step of overwriting a
handwritten image on the displayed image by
10 controlling the display medium on the basis of a
signal from second image creation means,

wherein in said first drawing step, an image
is rewritten by a reset drive for resetting a display
state and a writing drive for writing an image, and in
15 said second drawing step, the writing drive is
performed without effecting the reset drive.

2. A method according to Claim 1, wherein in
said second drawing step, the handwritten image is
20 displayed at a substantially minimum luminance or a
substantially maximum luminance.

3. A method according to Claim 1 or 2, wherein
said method further comprises a third drawing step of
25 erasing the handwritten image by leaving only the
image written in said first drawing step, wherein the
writing drive is performed without effecting the reset

drive.

4. A method according to any one of Claims 1 -
3, wherein said second drawing step is performed only
5 in an area in which the handwritten image is written.

5. A method according to any one of Claims 1 -
4, wherein the display apparatus comprises electrodes
to which voltages are applied from the first image
10 creation means and the second image creation means,
respectively, and the display medium for displaying an
image on the basis of the voltages.

6. A method according to any one of Claims 1 -
15 5, wherein the display apparatus comprises a pair of
substrates disposed with a predetermined spacing, an
insulating liquid disposed at the spacing between the
substrate, and electrophoretic particles as the
display medium.

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7. A driving method of a display apparatus which
permits handwriting input and has a memory
characteristic, said driving method comprising:

a first drawing step of displaying an image
25 which has been memorized in advance, and

a second drawing step of displaying a
handwritten image by overwriting the displayed image

with the handwritten image,

wherein in said first display step, an image
is rewritten by a reset drive for resetting a display
state and a writing drive for writing an image, and in
5 said second display step, the writing drive is
performed without effecting the reset drive.

8. A display apparatus, which permits
handwriting input and has a memory characteristic,
10 comprising:

detection means for detecting handwriting
input, and

drive means for effecting a first drive in
which an image is rewritten by applying a writing
15 voltage after resetting a previous display image when
the handwriting input is not detected, and a second
drive in which a previous display image is overwritten
with a handwriting image by applying only a writing
voltage without effecting resetting when the
20 handwriting input is detected.